

***Amendments to the Specification***

Please amend paragraph <sup>[0a25]</sup>~~[0027]~~ as follows: "... between a cable system headend 102 and a plurality of cable modems (CM) 108a-108n via a communications network 106 . . . ."

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Please amend paragraph <sup>[0035]</sup>~~[0037]~~ as follows: "... In an embodiment, a downstream synchronous dynamic random access memory (SDRAM) 230 is used to support packaging, handling, and storage of output queues received from the CMTS MAC 210."